

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PENALTY TO TELECOM OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has raised a demand of over Rs. 300 crore on the GSM Telecom Operators as interest charges for delayed spectrum payments for the period 1999-2001;
- (b) if so, the names of the operators alongwith the amount to be recovered from them, operator-wise;
- (c) the details of the amount recovered so far, operator-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to penalize the defaulting GSM Operators who have not paid the amount;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (f) An amount of approximately Rs. 192 crores was outstanding as spectrum charges, including interest on delayed payments, as on 31st December, 2001 from the GSM operators. Details are given in the Annexure. An amount of approximately Rs.162 crores has been recovered out of the same. The interest is levied on delayed payments of spectrum charges.